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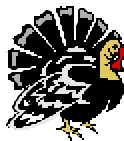
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Limited trading was reported for prompt shipments. Offerings were adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was light, instances good for the limited supplies of fresh mechanically separated turkey and tom necks. Offerings were generally moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand was slow. Supplies light to moderate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 19, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 20, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	67	67.00	15	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 20, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.50	68.00 **	67.00
CENTRAL REGION	67.10 **	66.50	66.20
WESTERN REGION	67.80	**68.00	**66.50
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	68.25	67.00 **	67.38
CENTRAL REGION	66.40 **	68.00	66.80
WESTERN REGION	67.00	67.00	66.70 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 23-MAY-2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	81.95	146,000
16-24 lbs.	77.45	55,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	216,000
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 14-May-2005 (Preliminary)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT CHG PW	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED -THOUSAND HEAD-	AVG LIVE WT
-THOUSAND HEAD-					
North East	745	2	24.71	(A) 746	24.71
South Atlantic	748	2	32.45	(A) 748	32.45
North Central	2,115	1	32.35	(A) 2,115	32.35
South Central	553	-13	18.31	(A) 553	18.31
West	332	-16	25.97	(A) 332	25.97

U.S. total	4,493(B)	-2	28.91	1	4,494	28.91
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To-date

2005	78,968(B)	60	79,028
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To-date

2004	80,489(B)	139	80,628
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(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 8,000; for the current year to date 432,000; for last year to date 849,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

April	423,567*
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May 1 - 14, 2005	209,943*
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To date 2005	1,868,158*
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To date 2004	1,822,017*
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\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 14-May-2005 (Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,924	2,561	8	1	4,494
Avg Wt	16.39	38.32	22.76	67.98	28.91
Last week	1,935	2,649	10	0	4,594
Same wk yr ago	1,807	2,612	34	2	4,455
Avg Wt	16.20	37.21	26.21	41.08	28.60
To-date/2005	30,343	48,193	432	60	79,028
To-date/2004	32,564	47,076	849	139	80,628

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 MAY 2005.

The market tone was mostly steady on fresh tom breast meat, about steady on fresh destrapped tenders, steady to fully steady on fresh and frozen breast trim, and barely steady on wing meat. Demand was fair for the adequate supplies of breast meat and destrapped tenders, good for limited supplies of breast trim, light for fully adequate supplies of wing meat. Trading was light. Export activity was no better than fair. Fresh tom drums and fresh thigh meat moved at open prices for deferred shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	105.81	126
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	130.00		130.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	98.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	44.00	86
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	44.33	45
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	25.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	41.00	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	96.00	40
NECKS, TOM	41.00		41.00	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	177.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	170.75	320
THIGH MEAT		F	75.43	168
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	85.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	140.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	154.38	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	152.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	169.42	124
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	82.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	44.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	53.00		53.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	44.00		44.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.50		26.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	49.40	780
TAILS		F	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00		80.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 MAY 2004.

The market tone on tom drums and necks steady to firm, tom wings steady to barely steady. Demand good on tom drums and necks, tom wings light to moderate into domestic and export channels. Offerings tom drums and necks light at best and held with confidence, tom wings adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on retail and institutional sized rib breast was steady to firm. Demand light to instances moderate on retail breasts, moderate to good on institutional sizes for the limited offerings. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, tom bulk parts for domestic and export deliveries and frozen thigh meat for export. For domestic: livers 23 delivered pet foods, fresh wing meat with skin 95, fresh scapula 112-120 mostly 112, fresh breast trim 140 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 43 and thigh meat 82-83, scapula 98 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	130.00	7	150.74	27
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	98.00	40	98.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00		44.00	10	43.57	168
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	48.00		48.00	5	48.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	42.00	40		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-25.50		25.10	200	25.07	280
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00-43.50		40.81	166	40.91	366
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	87.00-88.00		87.50	40	91.75	80
NECKS, TOM	37.00-39.00		38.90	126	39.35	223
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	40	170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	169.00-174.00		170.15	468	170.44	988
THIGH MEAT	84.00		84.00	8	84.00	8
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	85.00	30		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	140.00	40	140.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS		W	154.38	24	154.38	24
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	40	151.50	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	77.00		77.00	80	77.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	167.00-170.00		169.16	116	169.29	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	44.50	160	44.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	50.00-53.00		50.80	300	49.89	814
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00-48.00		45.84	408	45.48	509
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00-26.00		24.32	248	24.62	340
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	49.40	780	49.40	780
TAILS		F	27.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00-83.00		80.17	624	81.03	1,101

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